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TRANSMITTAL OF 37 CFR SECTION 1.53(b)(1) CONTINUATION APPLICATION

PARENT INFORMATION:

First Named Inventor: Ian Millard
Application No.: 10/325,066
Filing Date: December 20, 2002
Group Art Unit: 1725
Examiner: Heinrich, Samuel M.
Title: Laser Ablation Nozzle Assembly
Attorney Docket No.: 2002P13906US

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a [] continuation [X] divisional application under 37 CFR Section 1.53(b)(1) of pending prior application Serial No. 10/325,066 filed on December 20, 2002, of Ian Millard and Karl Pichler for LASER ABLATION NOZZLE ASSEMBLY.

1. [X] Enclosed is a complete copy of the prior application, including the oath or declaration as originally filed. A statement pursuant to 37 CFR Section 1.60(b) verifying the complete copy as a true copy of the prior application appears at paragraph 9 below.

2. [X] Enclosed is a Preliminary Amendment canceling from the parent application, claims 1-9 (after the Preliminary Amendment is entered, claims 10-20 will be pending in the Divisional application).

3. [] An Information Disclosure Statement, 1449 and ___ references are enclosed.

4. [X] The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AFTER ENTRY OF ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY

AMENDMENT

For	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Additional Fees
Total Claims	11 - 20	= 0	x \$ 18	\$ 0.00
Indep. Claims	3 - 3	= 0	x \$ 86	\$ 0.00
[] First Presentation of a Multiple			+ \$290	\$ 0.00

Dependent Claim		
Basic filing Fee		\$ 750.00
TOTAL		\$750.00

5. [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$ 750.00 and any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 19-2179. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

6. [X] Priority of application Serial No. 10/325,066, filed on December 20, 2002 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. Section 119.

7. [X] The assignment in the parent application applies to this continuation application.

8. a. [X] A copy of the Declaration submitted with the parent application is included here with the papers submitted for this divisional application. The Power of Attorney appears within the original Declaration.

b. [X] Address all future communications to:

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9. [X] I hereby declare that the attached papers are a true copy of the parent application having serial no. 10/325,066 and originally filed on December 20, 2002.

10. [X] Please make of record and consider in the present Application the prior art of record in the prior application.

Date: Sept. 28, 2003

Respectfully requested,

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